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Is the Application of

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Hideyuki IJIRI, et al.

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For:

METHODS OF MAKING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Petition for Extension of Time Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, now due to expire January 21, 2004, be extended for one month(s) and set to expire on February 21, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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